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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR POWER PLANT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN

KRAFTWERK UNION OF FRG AND NIGERIA

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1. IN AN AUGUST 13 ARTICLE "DIE WEIT" REPORTED ON THE VISIT OF NIGERIA'S CHIEF OF STAFF YARADUA TO THE FRG AND THE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT DISCUSSIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE (REFTEL).

2. THE ARTICLE STATES THAT THE NIGERIANS TOLD THE KWU THEY WANTED TO BUY TWO MEDIUM-SIZED POWER PLANTS, FROM 400 TO 500 MEGAWATTS EACH. THE DATE AND PLACE FOR FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE SET BY THE NIGERIANS. THE CONSTRUCTION FIRM OF BILFINGER AND BERGER IS ALSO REPORTED TO BE INVOLVED IN THE DISCUSSIONS. BILFINGER AND BERGER'S SUBSIDIARY, JULIUS BERGER NIGERIA, LTD., IS DESCRIBED IN THE ARTICLE AS ALREADY INVOLVED IN LARGE INFRA-STRUCTURE PROJECTS, WITH 18,000 EMPLOYEES IN NIGERIA AND 40 PERCENT PARTICIPATION BY THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT.

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3. THE ARTICLE ALSO STATES THAT, ACCORDING TO LAGOS
SOURCES, THE NIGERIANS TILL NOW HAVE ONIY EXPRESSED
INTEREST IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH GERMAN FIRMS.
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